

# COVID-19

## Los Angeles County Department of Public Health What to Expect at Water Parks

Water parks are allowed to open once again in Los Angeles County. This guide provides the information you'll need to get tickets and enjoy all the activities water parks offer.

### Plan your visit

- **Purchase tickets in advance online.** Ask about time restrictions at the site and note your reserved arrival time. Groups of up to 10 people from up to 3 households can visit the park together. All visitors must be from California or be fully vaccinated (proof required).
- **Ask if your group can make reservations for specific attractions, rides, or performances.** If possible, sign up online and plan your day in advance.
- **Ask about special events.** Openings for seniors-only, families with small children-only, or at non-peak hours.
- **Pack for the day.** Plan ahead and bring what you will need for the day. It is recommended that you bring your own towels, goggles, snorkels, swimming gear, and extra face masks. Check with the park before you visit to confirm if towels will be available or provided.
- **Learn more.** To learn about the rules the park must follow to reopen view the DPH protocols for [Amusement Parks](#) and [Public Pools](#).

### Arrival

- **Arrive on time with your group.** Park in the designated area and proceed together to the park entrance. Make sure you keep a safe 6-foot distance from others and wear your face mask when arriving to the park.
- **You will be screened at entry.** Screeners will ask about symptoms and recent contact with anyone infected with COVID-19. Your temperature will be taken.
- **Lockers will be available.** Make sure you keep your distance from others in the locker area.

### In the park

- **Face masks will not be required most of the time you are at the park.**
  - Face masks should be worn when arriving to and leaving the park, when sitting in public places (but not in the water), or when going indoors.
  - Face masks should not be worn in the water or while on water rides, but we do suggest bringing extra masks in case yours gets wet.
    - Your mask should have at least two layers of tightly woven, breathable material. It must fully cover your nose and mouth and fit snugly against the sides of your face and around your nose. The only exceptions are children under 2 or anyone who have been told by a doctor that they cannot wear a mask safely. Most people with most underlying conditions (asthma, for example) can safely wear masks, but if you can't, go to [ph.lacounty.gov/masks](https://ph.lacounty.gov/masks) to learn about alternative face coverings.
  - Be advised, lifeguards and water park employees will not be wearing a mask if they are working in or near the water.
- **Comply with social distancing.**
  - You can visit the park with up to 10 people from up to 3 households. Your group cannot mix with other groups anywhere in the park, especially when not wearing masks.

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- Observe social distancing, staying 6 feet from non-household members, other groups, and park employees.
- If you have small children, keep them close to you and 6-feet from other groups.
- **Remember good hand hygiene.**
  - Wash and/or disinfect your hands often, including after using the restroom, coughing, blowing your nose, and before and after eating.
  - Avoid sharing or using unclean towels, or sharing swim equipment (goggles, nose clips, and snorkels). Bring your own towel to the park when possible.
- **Food and drinks**
  - Order and pay for food and drinks in advance online. Restaurants and concession stands within the park may be open, but must follow the DPH [Protocol for Restaurants](#) and [Protocol for Retail Markets](#). This means they can offer outdoor dining. They may offer indoor dining, but with limited occupancy.
  - Meals may be eaten in clearly marked, designated areas only. You will find the tables placed to permit social distancing between groups and between guests and staff. Remind your party that tables can't be moved to connect with other groups.
  - Check in advance to see if you are allowed to bring food with you and if a refillable water bottle is allowed at the park.

### Entertainment

- **Parks are allowed to offer outdoor live performances, parades and shows.** Make sure to follow park rules if you attend one of these events.
- **Slides, rides, and pools**
  - Some rides may be closed because the appropriate precautions cannot be followed.
  - Indoor rides will be limited to no more than 15 minutes.
  - The usual height check may be touch-free this year, making it easy for staff to manage and view while keeping 6 feet away.
  - Households can board rides and sit together. Passengers from different households must be at least 6 feet apart.

**Many of us have missed the fun of splashing around at water parks this past year. Now it is up to all of us to make it work.**

- If staff remind you about social distancing or wearing a mask, remember that they are protecting you and your party, others in the park, themselves, and the public. They are doing their job.
- Don't ask staff to make exceptions to the rules for you, like asking to go on a ride with a larger group. These are rules the park must comply with by law.
- Adhere to rules noted above; they are simple, and they are based on science. They reflect research from all over the world about what it takes to stay safe.

**Stay safe and have a great day.  
Don't forget to pack the sunscreen!**